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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Douglas Q. Tran

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 7/27/04.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 8-10 and 12-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7 and 11 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

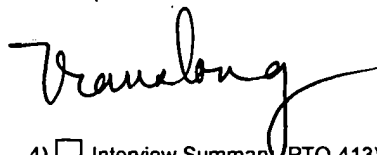
Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.



Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-6, 8-10, 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Meyerzon et al. (US Patent No. 6,638,314 B1) and Chow et al. (US Patent No. 6,029,175).

As to claim 1, Meyerzon teaches a method for retrieving a periodically changing document on a document delivery system, comprising the steps of :

obtaining an address (410 in fig. 4) for the document (col. 2, lines 43-46: the address of the document is obtained when the information is provided for locating the electronic document);

recognizing and modifying the temporal field (418 or 420 in fig. 4) of the address to reflect a different instance (col. 2, lines 34-39).

However, Meyerzon does not explicitly teach of retrieving an updated document using the modified address.

Chow teaches retrieving an updated document using the modified address (col. 10, lines 45-61, and col. 12, lines 45-67).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Meyerzon for retrieving an updated document using

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the modified address as taught by Chow. The suggestion for modifying the system of Meyerzon can be reasoned by one of ordinary skill in the art as set forth above by Chow because such a modification would allow the communication system to easily obtain the information of the web page based on the temporal field of its address.

As to claims 2 and 3, Meyerzon further teaches of the temporal field is a date and time field (i.e., time stamp 414 in fig. 4).

As to claim 4, Meyerzon further teaches that the address is a URL for the Internet (410 in fig. 4).

As to claim 5, Meyerzon further teaches the step of recognizing a temporal field comprises the step of sequentially searching the address for a temporal pattern from a database (history map 308 in fig. 3) of possible temporal patterns (col. 2, lines 22-25).

As to claim 6, Meyerzon further teaches the address is a first address, wherein the step of recognizing a temporal field comprises the steps of obtaining a second address for the document, the second address having a different instance of the temporal field; comparing the first address to the second address to recognize a pattern of the temporal field; and adding the pattern of the temporal field to a database of possible temporal patterns (col. 8, lines 36-40).

As to claim 8, Meyerzon further teaches the step of modifying the temporal field further comprises the steps of converting the temporal field into an intermediate value; calculating the different instance based on the intermediate value and an adjustment interval; formatting the different instance to fit a pattern of the temporal field; and substituting the formatted different instance into the temporal field (in fig. 6 shows step of 616 in which any new entries in the history map for seed urls).

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As to claim 9, Meyerzon further teaches retrieving the adjustment interval from a knowledge module (the transaction 310 in fig. 3 for retrieving the adjustment interval from a knowledge module).

As to claim 10, due to the similarity of this claim to that of claim 1, this claim is rejected as the same reason as in claim 1.

As to claim 12, Chow teaches the scheduler further comprises:

a database of patterns of possible temporal fields; and a processor sequentially accessing the database of patterns wherein the processor scans the address with the sequentially accessed patterns for the temporal field and wherein upon identifying the temporal field the processor updates the temporal field (col. 12, lines 45-67).

As to claims 13 and 14, Chow teaches a network or Internet coupling the document server with the scheduler (please see fig. 3).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 7 and 11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

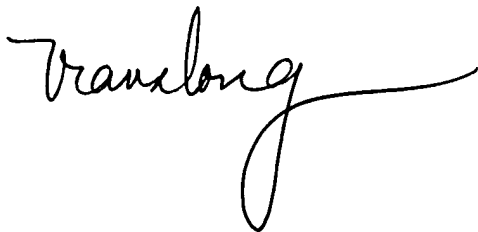
Applicant's arguments, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-14 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a **new ground(s) of rejection** to claims 1-6, 8-10, and 12-14. This action is made **non-final**.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Douglas Q. Tran whose telephone number is (703) 305-4857 or E-mail address is Douglas.tran@uspto.gov.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.

Douglas Q. Tran
Jan. 06, 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tranlong", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.